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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/869,782
Filing Date	JULY 5, 2004
First Named Inventor	Dieter STIRNBERG
Art Unit	2857
Examiner Name	HAL D. WACHSMAN
Attorney Docket Number	STIRNBERG ET AL-1 PCT

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. [Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114]

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Revised Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other - Petition for 1 Month Extension of Time and check for \$55.00

2. [Miscellaneous]

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. [Fees] The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2468
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 385.00 enclosed
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DIETER STIRNBERG ET AL - 1 PCT
SERIAL NO.: 09/869,782 EXAMINER: H.D.WACHSMAN
FILED: JULY 5, 2001 GROUP: 2857
TITLE: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE GAS QUALITY

REVISED
AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP RCE
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Dear Sir:

In response to Final Office Action, dated October 27, 2003, with the time for reply having been extended for three months, from JANUARY 27, 2004, until APRIL 27, 2004, and with a Notice of Appeal plus Appeal Fee having been timely mailed on APRIL 26, 2004, and timely filed on APRIL 28, 2004, by Certification of Mailing, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on Page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Abstract being on Page 5 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 7 of this document.

Remarks begin on Page 19 of this document.